



Student takes work training over seas

BEN LAWSON  
Features Editor

Members of the Northwest community recently returned from Birmingham City University in the United Kingdom to teach about Student Employment Programs.

The group was invited to BCU after delegates from BCU visited Northwest in April to learn about the Student Employment Program.

BCU does not have a Student Employment Program, like many schools in the UK, said Paula McLain, Northwest's coordinator of student employment.

"We wanted to share with them why student employment is valuable to Northwest and why it makes a difference to students," McLain said. "To students there's a financial, experience and an engagement benefit. There are just so many to students and also to the institutions, staff, faculty and departments. We have a better relationship with the students because of it."

McLain and Mary Throener, Northwest's vice president of human resources and organizational Effectiveness, taught about implementing the programs at BCU. Rick Tomey, associate professor of chemistry, shared his experiences working with student employees, and Kirk Skoglund, the 2011 student employee of the year, traveled to share his experience as a student employee.

Tomey and Skoglund served on a panel in April to discuss student employment with BCU delegates. They were asked to travel to Birmingham City after the delegates heard what they had to say about their experiences with student employment.

"Being a student employee has given me essential skills as far as communication, problem solving and interpersonal skills," Skoglund said. "It has also really helped increase my confidence as far as what I do and how I interact with people."

Skoglund works in Textbook Services, as a tutor in the Talent Development Center, a Student Ambassador, SOAR leader and Peer Adviser.

The group traveled to the United Kingdom on Nov. 12. Skoglund stayed a week longer than the other three to help BCU develop a mentoring program. He discussed Northwest programs like the Talent Development Center, Residential Life, Student Ambassadors and Peer Advisors.

BCU plans to begin their Student Employment Initiative in Jan. 2012. They have more than 24,000 students and hope to have 1,000 student employees by Jan. 2015. Northwest has 7,000 students and 1,000 student employees.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Kansas City protestors occupy peacefully

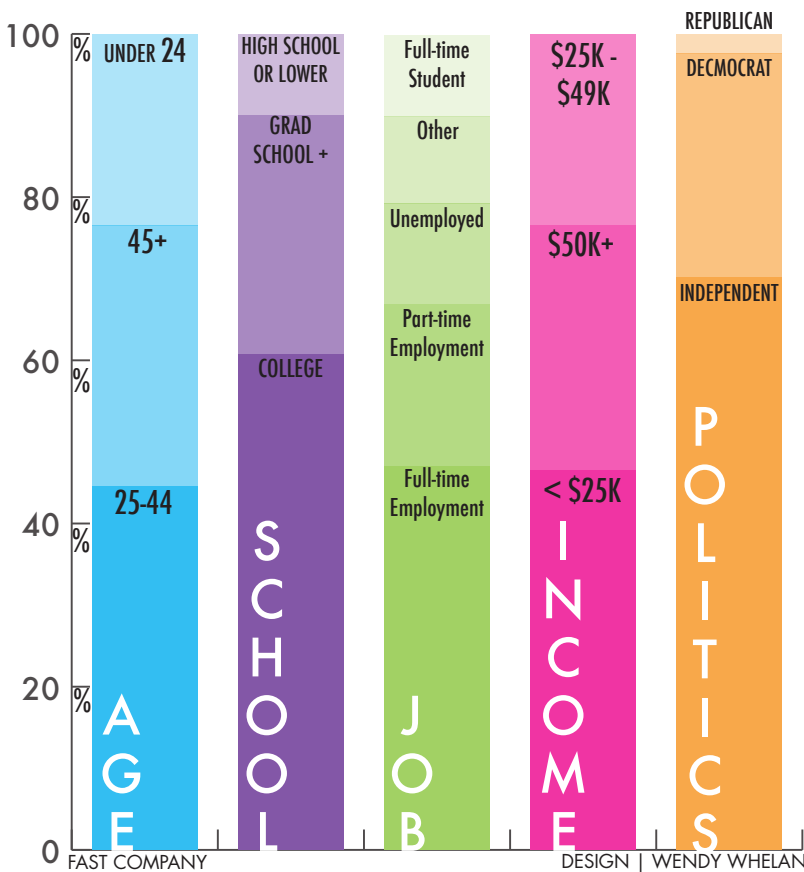
ROB WILSON  
Contributing Reporter

Since September 2011, a small encampment of approximately 30 protestors have made their home a vigil of defiance in Kansas City against a political system they contend has ignored them.

Driving up through Penn Valley Park on an unseasonably warm, late November afternoon, the encampment adjacent to the Federal Reserve is already a beehive of activity. A makeshift camp cleaning initiative is underway. Others busy themselves making signs containing various political catch phrases, and still others pay a visit to the kitchen tent to prepare food. No matter what you happen to think of the goals of the organization, what is abundantly clear is that the group that calls itself Occupy Kansas City is a thriving, if challenged, community.

The Occupy movement had its humble beginnings in Canada in June, as the brain child of the Canadian anti-consumerist group Adbusters. The organization registered a domain name and began to organize peaceful protests in Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan, which continue to this day. The growing debt crisis in North America and Europe caused the movement to spread to almost every corner of the globe. Kansas City has a metropolitan population of around 6 million and is home to several major construction and technology corporations. With many Kansas City firms significantly scaling back their operations and unemployment numbers nearing nine percent, the conditions were right for the Occupy movement to find a home in KC.

Most of the local Kansas City media has been standoffish with the group. With Occupy groups in various other cities grabbing almost constant headlines, Occupy Kansas City has been unique in its lack of dramatic storylines filled with confrontations with law



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Forensics team members Mike Brown and Carl Stafford go through dramatic practice exercises. Stafford took first in Dramatic and Prose Interpretations at UCM.

Forensics team, new coach push forward toward success

DALTON VITT  
Chief Reporter

The Northwest forensics team has enjoyed a lot of recent success, thanks, in part, to a new approach from first-year coach Brian Swafford.

The team has had several individual event champions so far this year, including sophomore Samantha Stone, who took first in Prose Interpretation in a tournament at Kansas State University.

"It was a very competitive tournament that their alumni have," Swafford said. "She kind of got the ball rolling for us."

The very next weekend, the team traveled to Metropolitan Community College-Longview in Lee's Summit, where senior team president Carl Stafford took first in Poetry Interpretation.

The following weekend, Stafford took first in Dramatic Interpretation and Prose Interpretation in a tournament at the University of Central Missouri.

"Carl is our leader not only in title, but also in competitive success," Swafford said.

Last year, Stafford was crowned a national champion in Programmed

Oral Interpretation.

Stafford knows that becoming a national champion is a difficult task, but still believes he has a great chance to repeat.

Outside of winning another national championship, Stafford also has another outstanding goal in mind.

"I'm on my way to trying to claim the title as the greatest forensic competitor in the history of the school," Stafford said. "If I can keep it up, I can get there."

This weekend will be the last tournament of the semester, where the team will travel to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The second semester will kick off with a tournament held by Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

Swafford has his goals set for this season, and they include finishing in the top three in the state, as well as top 10 in the nation.

"Ultimately, I want to have state championships every year," Swafford said. "But you try to set realistic expectations when you're the new guy implementing new things."

Swafford brought a new attitude to the forensics program when he arrived from Boise State University.

As successful as the team has

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Carl Stafford

been recently, Swafford says they are still in the process of instituting his new ideas and policies.

The team was able to withstand the changes, and Stafford likes the way things have been done so far.

"It takes a lot to get used to a new coach in any program," Stafford said. "I like his passion for winning, as well as how much he loves the art of forensics in general."

One of the biggest keys in Swafford's style is how hard he needs his team to work.

"My belief is that talented kids are going to do well, but in competitive forensics, everybody is talented," Swafford said. "So the way to have success is to outwork everybody else."





YULETIDE FEASTE



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Tyler Shoney, Emily Schol and Bri Shepardson sing outside the Bearcat Food Court in the J.W. Jones Student Union last year at the annual Yuletide Feaste. This year's feast will be held this Friday and Saturday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Buried Life cast brings life experience to University

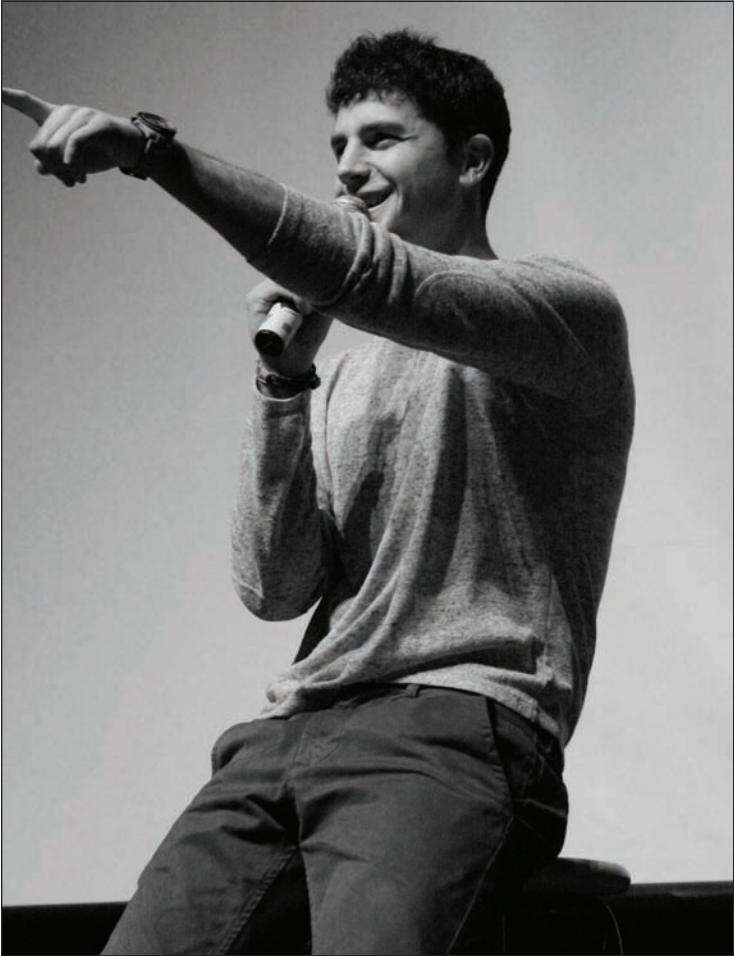
**BEN LAWSON**  
Features Editor

Three quarters of The Buried Life came to Northwest on Tuesday in hopes of inspiring students. The Buried Life, made famous for their show on MTV about their “bucket list” of things to do before you die, has gathered 1.3 million fans on Facebook. For every item the group crosses off their list, they do something to help a stranger. The Buried Life has high hopes for the future, despite their show getting cancelled before its third season by MTV.

Members Duncan Penn, Dave Lingwood and Ben Nemtin spoke Tuesday in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center on their show and doing what you are passionate about. Their fourth member, Jonnie, could not attend due to illness. Duncan said the group has wanted to speak at colleges since before the show was filming, but since it has stopped, they are glad to take the opportunity to tour campuses across the U.S.

“For us, speaking at colleges is

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LAYLA HUDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

The Buried Life's Ben Nemtin speaks to students Tuesday at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts. The guys spoke about their MTV experiences.

Faculty to return from recruitment venture

**ALEX RASH**  
Missourian Reporter

Today, members of the Education Department leave for a trip to Asia to spread the word about Northwest.

Dr. Joyce Piveral and Dr. Greg Haddock are traveling to Taiwan and China to meet with various members of the education society. One goal of this trip is to present information about Northwest and build foreign relationships. Piveral and Haddock hope that doing this will open up doors for future exchanges and new student recruitment.

“I am really excited about learning about international educational programs and cultures,” Piveral said.

Haddock made a similar trip to Taiwan earlier this year. In that time he built professional relationships within Taiwan's educational system.

“It is really great that we are getting to go into high schools,” Haddock said. “It is a very difficult thing to do, that can only be accomplished by having some good contacts, which we luckily do.”

They will be exposed to a wide range of schools, beginning in early childhood all the way to higher education. This will give the Northwest representatives insight on alternative educational methods.

“I think this will be beneficial to the education program,” Piveral said. “It will allow us to prepare future teachers not just for job opportunities here, but also around the world.”

The purpose is to spark interest in both Taiwan and China about Northwest's graduate and undergraduate programs.

“We will be visiting areas that by Chinese standards are very small,” Haddock said. “Hopefully, students from these smaller schools might be able to relate to our campus in that aspect.”

Piveral and Haddock will return from China on Dec. 11.

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Light up the Halls: Residence Halls	First Fridays Service Projects 3 p.m. at Newman Center
Walk-in flu shot clinic 8 a.m. at Wellness Center	Winter Wonderland: Santa is in! 6 p.m. at Franklin Park
Leadership Academy 2011-2012 9 a.m. at Thompson-Ringhold Building	Yuletide Feaste 6:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
MAP A II 9 a.m. at Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE)	
Saturday, December 3	
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsej Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	ACT Prep Shop 8:30 a.m. at Kansas City Center
Light up the Halls: Residence Halls	Caleb Burns Open House & Bake Sale 10 a.m. at 422 W. 2nd Street, Maryville,
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service	Football at Pittsburg State
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. RHO Theta Chapter Alpha Week	Women's Basketball vs. Washburn 5:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Missouri Academy Preview Day Garrett-Strong Science Building	Yuletide Feaste 6:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
C-BASE 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Men's Basketball vs. Washburn 7:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Sunday, December 4	
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsej Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	“All in for ALS” poker tournament 11:30 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Light up the Halls: Residence Halls	Extended Finals Week Library Hours 1 p.m. until 12:45 a.m.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Founders Day	Spaghetti Dinner to support Gamma Alpha Lambda's mission trip 5 p.m. at Wesley Center
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Talent Development Center finds new home in B.D. Owens

Students looking for extra help with schoolwork can now look to the B.D. Owens Library for tutoring as the university's Talent Development Center is moving to the second floor of the library.

The TDC, formerly located on the third floor of the administration building, is now located at room 232 of the library, near the writing center. The move marks another enhancement to the library that celebrated its grand re-opening earlier this year.

The library faculty hopes that these changes will bring forth a greater emphasis on learner resources and collaborative areas.

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# Mo. Chamber of Commerce lobbies for workforce issues

**JACKI WOOD**  
Chief Reporter

When the state legislature returns to regular session on Jan. 4, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce will lobby for several workforce issues.

The chamber's board of directors approved its legislative agenda earlier this month, which includes education, workers' compensation reform, employment law and labor policy.

"Whether your company is large or small, whether Missouri's economy is weak or strong, workforce issues have the most significant, day-to-day impact on a business' success," Missouri Chamber President and CEO Daniel P. Mehan said. "Successful passage of these initiatives would mean broad-based reform impacting every business in our state, making Missouri a more attractive and competitive place to do business."

Of the four issues, the board of directors placed education at the forefront.

"We can pass business-friendly bills all legislative session, but if we fail in education, none of that matters," Mehan said. "Our education system is the key to our future workforce. For that reason, the Missouri Chamber is preparing to take an aggressive position on education reforms."

The education reforms proposed by the board consist of expanding charter schools for failing districts and terminating the teacher tenure system. The board also wants to institute a merit pay system for teachers where those who perform the best get the highest salary, regard-

less of education or experience.

The board also set workers' compensation reform as another priority, specifically Missouri's Second Injury Fund, which was created to protect employees who are injured on the job. The fund currently does not have enough money to pay these benefits.

"More than 100 injured workers are waiting for benefit payments from Missouri's Second Injury Fund that were awarded to them under current law, with no promise of when their benefits will be paid," Mehan said. "More than 30,000 workers are waiting to have their cases heard through SIF, with no idea when their cases will be resolved."

Another area of reform set by the chamber's board includes employment law. This employment discrimination legislation was passed last year by both the House and the Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Jay Nixon. Had he not vetoed it, the law would have been similar to several other states and have been aligned with the federal Civil Rights Act.

"Missouri courts have eroded the law to the point that Missouri holds the distinction of some of the lowest standards for discrimination lawsuits in the nation," Mehan said. "In Missouri courts, the employer is guilty until proven innocent."

"Make no mistake, discrimination is wrong. But it is also unfair to subject Missouri employers to a constant barrage of trial lawyers filing frivolous lawsuits hoping for a big payoff."

The final area the board set as a priority involves labor policy. The chamber also supports the "right to work" legislation that gives em-

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Daniel Mehan

ployees the opportunity to choose whether or not to be part of a union. It will also lobby to do away with Project Labor Agreements that obligate contractors to use only union labor for public projects and adjust prevailing wage laws which require a set level of wages for public projects.

"Project labor agreements stifle free trade and increases costs unnecessarily," he said. "There is absolutely no business reason for it. We need to let the market decide construction contracts, not a state mandate. PLAs stifle infrastructure development at the worst time possible for the construction sector."

Mehan also said the prevailing wage mandate costs taxpayers heavily.

"In some areas of the state, it could nearly double the wage level on taxpayer-funded projects compared to wages for other local construction projects," he said. "Imagine what that means to an area like Joplin, with expansive rebuilding costs for public infrastructure."

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

The third annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held at the Thomas J. Gaunt house Tuesday night. The lighting marked the end of Project Holiday Hope.

## Horace Mann teacher helps students 'Discover Nature'

**AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH**  
Managing Editor

The third graders in Mrs. Beatty's classroom are learning about science in a new way after being rewarded with a grant that covers supplies and expenses for future field trips.

The grant awarded \$1,000 to third-grade teacher Heidi Beatty and her class for the purchase of books and science equipment, including binoculars and 30 iPads with temperature probes, helping students work in all kinds of weather conditions, along with programs that identify various trees and leaves to educate them on the different things that surround them every day.

"This grant allows them to navigate their own learning environment and use what they want

to learn," Beatty said. "This grant allows the students to make it their own and learn about science their way."

Beatty began her application for the grant last year as a consistency sixth-grade teacher at Savannah Middle School, and it was approved this October. The school celebrated the grant award with an all-school assembly Nov. 1.

Beatty incorporated science notebooks in which her students jot notes about their observations and experiments. The notebooks are personal to each student, allowing them to learn about science their way. They also include pictures of the experiments, vocabulary cards, games and charts for them to study with.

"Everyone learns differently,

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OUR VIEW: OCCUPY PROTESTS

# ‘Occupy’ is good at what it does

After two and a half months, Occupy Wall Street has shown us that they definitely have staying power. They had better, seeing as their primary objective is to purely exist. Those who howl that they will never really effect a measurable change are missing the point: the occupy protests aren't about change.

Consider the Tea Party movement, which began in 2009. If their goal was to camp out and merely air their grievances with the Republican party, the ongoing GOP debates would have been about "Tea Party-aligned policies," instead of Mitt Romney's example of neglecting to mention the movement during a Tea Party speech Sept. 5. Their goal was to reform crucial Republican platforms, and, to some extent, they

stole thunder from the very camp they were supposed to strengthen.

Whereas the Tea Party could factionalize the Republican base, occupants' resistance to any political ties or corporate financial backing could be the key to their survival. They have effectively distanced themselves from businesses, organizations, politicians, most celebrities, leaders and elected officials. The only thing left, then, is an idea.

This is the purpose of occupants. By their sheer presence near our nation's banks, courthouses and parks, they have begun to occupy our thoughts. Their slogans occupy headlines. With more than 133,000 Twitter accounts following @OccupyWallSt alone, their hash tags occupy social

media.

Like a cockroach that survives a nuclear holocaust, their ideals could very well remain through the health-care reform trials in March and the 2012 presidential elections next November. Those two political landmarks won't even stall the protests or keep people away from joining the throngs.

The real change is up to those who hear the idea. If an occupant moves you to take your business from "greedy capitalist pigs," shop elsewhere. If they uncover a social injustice that you feel strongly about, write to your representative. Occupy's forte has never been effecting a measurable change. It never will. Their presence alone is all about sharing an idea or a dream and nothing more.

## Super committee fails predictably



America has many things to be thankful for. Tragically, a functional Congress isn't one of them.

The 12-person "super committee," made of six Republicans and six Democrats within Congress, was commissioned with the formidable challenge of creating a proposal to resolve the national debt. At their Nov. 23 deadline, to the surprise of exactly zero people, they came up empty handed.

Pundits, the press and the public reacted predictably, by blaming one side or the other. That reaction lends itself quite nicely to the point of this column, which identifies the overarching roadblock of bipartisanship: a failure to step back and look at the big picture.

Leading up to the deadline, GOP presidential hopeful Ron Paul offered the following bit of brilliance: "They must, in effect, cut government spending without first addressing the role of government in our society." Expunging his

controversial, life-long diatribe of government's ballooning size, every American can agree that Paul highlighted an inconvenient paradox. How can we carry on in these debates without first identifying, on a fundamental level, the appropriate role of government?

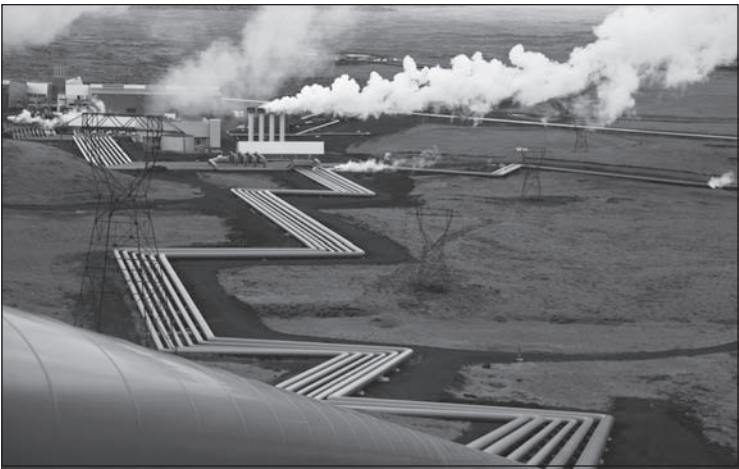
Most people agree that deregulation of certain markets led to the 2008 recession. Consumers, unchecked and unrestricted, bought bigger houses than they could afford with adjustable-rate mortgages. To summarize crudely, this resulted in a domino effect that ended with an ever-tightening credit market, which is the currency of virtually every enterprise in the nation.

But if deregulation was to blame for the economic downturn, is government regulation and involvement the solution to our problems today? No, but that question must take top priority over any other discussion in Congress. It was the question that should have begun discussion for the super committee, instead of immediately diving into reforming entitlements vs. cutting defense spending arguments.

We'll start with the super committee. If Republican members ex-

pected Representative John Kerry to do anything other than raise taxes and increase spending, they were severely disillusioned. Despite his willingness to reform welfare, he originally voted against the tax cuts for the wealthy introduced by former president George W. Bush. Since taxing the wealthy was probably the most contestable issue for the committee, Republican members should have known that Kerry would propose an almighty tax on them, manifested in an economic stimulus package. Republicans should have conceded to a scaled-back version of that idea, knowing that quick and dirty stimulus packages are proven to be effective in the short term. Then, Democrat members would hopefully be willing to protect defense spending during its turn on the chopping block.

Instead, the super committee took the partisan bicker battle to a grander stage and proved just how ineffective our elected representatives are at working together. With the Congressional approval rating at 13 percent and falling fast, Americans recognize our need for a cooperative and functional government. Is that too much to ask?



AP IMAGES

Giant ducts carry steam from a volcanic field to turbines at an Icelandic geothermal power plant. Geothermal energy is on the cusp of green technology.

WHAT THE DEUCE: CANADA

## Canada upsets conference on global energy policy

With one year remaining before the deadline of the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement that requires countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 5-6 percent below 1990 levels by the end of 2012, Canada has already announced that it is ready to dismiss the plan. On Monday, Canadian Environmental Minister Peter Kent claimed that the Kyoto Protocol, which has received mixed reviews since its inception, is "the past."

However, Kent failed to enlighten us on Canada's plans for the future. His bold renouncement of the Kyoto Protocol came during the World Climate Summit from Nov. 28-Dec. 6 in Durban, South Africa. And despite his announcement to commit \$583 million to cleaner air, Canada is a country not usually known for environmental initiatives. Kent's action just further proved that point.

True, the Kyoto Protocol is dated. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, from an environmental action standpoint, is about as elementary as collectively upping miles per gallon figures in the auto industry; it's yesterday's version of the green movement. God bless the Kyoto Protocol for being measurable, but curse it for being reactive. During the World Climate Summit next week, here are a few emerging trends that participating countries should incorporate into future policies:

Geothermal power, long the

red-headed stepchild of alternative energy, has begun to heat up recently. Island countries like New Zealand and Australia have the potential to generate exponentially more geothermal electricity than they use, according to the Environmental News Network.

Listen up, Kent: Tapping into hot rocks below Canada's surface could yield energy levels at a scorching 1,000,000 times the amount that Canadians currently consume, according to a September report from the Geological Survey of Canada.

President Barack Obama wants to kick America off of its \$1 billion-a-day foreign oil habit, by one third before 2025. While the rest of us wait for Obama to delineate exactly how he plans to do that, some industrious enterprises have already begun to wean themselves off of it, using biomass.

Despite the negative reputation of ethanol, biomass remains the world's next big thing in terms of alternative energy. Seventeen percent of our oil needs could be filled by biomass, according to an April report from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Chevrolet has pledged millions of dollars to a wood waste biomass system, similar to Northwest's paper and wood reclamation process.

With any luck, these measures could mean real-time results if enough of the countries implement them following this conference. Canada, this means you.

## Questioning critics of Obama's 'God-less' Thanksgiving speech



With the 2012 elections right around the corner, President Barack Obama faces criticism from all sides in health care, war and all issues in between. While this criticism is often well-founded, one truly baffling case of critique arose from Obama's omission of a reference to God in his Thanksgiving Day speech given in an internet address to the public. The absence of God in his speech should not be held in any form of controversy. However, this omission has sparked uproar among critics of Obama.

"His remarks were void of any religious references, although Thanksgiving is a holiday traditionally steeped in giving thanks and praise to God," Todd Starnes, Fox News Radio host, said.

It is true that President Obama

did not give thanks to God, or even mention religion, in his Thanksgiving speech. However, if one were to listen to Obama's weekly address on Nov. 12, they would clearly hear him close with a direct appeal to God.

"So to all our veterans – thank you for your service. God bless you. And may God bless the United States of America," Obama said.

Clearly, Obama did not neglect to mention God or religion due to sacrilegious sentiments. It seems unreasonable that anyone would make a judgment of his character from one speech based on religious ideology. The religious character of a president is often the focal point of controversy, such as with John F. Kennedy. However, the separation of Church and State should nullify any concerns about such an issue.

Thanksgiving's origins began with a clear foundation of religious belief. However, when the holiday's date was formally established in 1941 by a Congressional Joint Resolution, it was listed as a

federal holiday on par with other holidays, such as George Washington's birthday, Independence Day and Labor Day. These other holidays are equal to Thanksgiving Day according to this resolution, but are not religious. Therefore, one could see that Thanksgiving was not recognized for its religious purposes by the federal government. Why, then, is it such a big deal that Obama, who normally references respect and thankfulness to God anyway, did not mention religious ideals in this particular speech?

Obama has faced a large amount of displeasure for his Thanksgiving speech. However, the criticisms lack any real foundation of reason. Critics should bear in mind, whenever they call into question the religious affiliation of a president, that the separation of Church and State preemptively nullifies their arguments. Whenever one levies a judgment toward another, they should also analyze their argument to see if it makes sense.

CAMPUS TALK

### How long do you think the Occupy protests will last?



Especially with Occupy California, Occupy Kansas City - with the amount of publicity it's getting, I can only assume that it's only going to be around for quite a bit.

Patricia Hughes  
English



Maybe after the first of the year I could see them fizzling out. I think they'd stick around for the holidays, try to get some attention that way, and probably fizzle out after that.

Tom Stiles  
IDN New Media



In general, it won't go for more than a year, just because of people's nature; they'll move on to something else to get worked up about and leave this.

Courtney Hopkins  
Broadcasting



They don't really know what they're protesting. I don't feel like they'll be there that much longer. There's no point of them being here, and people will realize that after awhile.

James Hicks  
Broadcasting



They're going to last as long as they need to, which would mean that until they know their point has been made, they're going to stay around.

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## BURIED

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a very, very one-sided conversation. The tour is a chance to meet people and talk to them about what they want to do before they die.”

Since their show was cancelled this fall, the group has worked with MTV on developing a plan for how MTV will continue to interact with The Buried Life.

“Our relationship with MTV is still great,” Duncan said. “Deciding not to do a third season came out of a lot of discussions with them. We just realized everybody wanted to do something different, and so we have been working really hard with MTV X, a new department in MTV, to kind of think bigger and evolve this 360 Buried Life brand that we are working on.”

## REVOLUTION

CONTINUED FROM **A1**

enforcement. Two Kansas City police cruisers roll slowly by the encampment at just after 2 p.m., and a group of occupants sitting around a picnic table look up from rolling cigarettes long enough to give a casual wave. “We have a pretty good dialogue with the police. They drive by and rarely stop,” Mary Thompson, a 29-year-old mother of three says.

Monroe Perez, a 28-year-old-father of two and also a student at Penn Valley Community college, is eager to talk about the activities of the camp in between his constant requests from other occupants and calls to his cell phone. The group has no leadership structure to speak of, but Perez is quick to point out that “While there is no leadership role, everyone has the opportunity to be a leader.”

Other Occupy groups have been accused of being whimsical, without stated goals, a mouthpiece for the far left or sometimes criminals and vagrants. “We live in a society that is dominated by corporations, and more specifically, the money behind these corporations.

Lingwood claims the company has caused him “emotional difficulties” while the show was on the air.

“Just saying that I had to lose weight and put on my pants more. They really made it hard for me individually and not so much the other guys,” Lingwood said.

The group wants to expand The Buried Life into something bigger than its four members. They plan to broaden the media they used to spread their message, to encompass: books, online, TV, university chapters, speaking tours, merchandise and films.

The Buried Life is currently working on number 116 on their list: write a best selling book. Their first book, “What do You want to do before You Die?” is due out March 15. It’s a collection of 150 things to do before you die, submitted by fans. The group asked art-

ists from around the world to illustrate the 150 items.

Duncan says the group wanted to show there are no limits to what people can accomplish.

“We wanted to prove not only to ourselves, but to our friends that anything was possible,” Duncan said. “Rather by saying it we wanted to do it and live excessively.”

The group has no plans to stop work on their list and expanding their efforts.

“It’s not so much about crossing things off our list, but doing what your passionate about, what you really want to do,” Lingwood said.

“For us, it’s a way of living your life and going after the things you want in life, and for us those things keep changing,” Duncan said. “We keep moving the goal posts and going bigger and bigger till we stop having fun.”

it is just giving people the questions that should have been asked long ago,” Perez said.

Occupy Kansas City has a significant presence on the internet via their website, as well as on Twitter and Facebook. Volunteers with expertise in media and web design meet frequently at a coffeehouse in the Westport district of Kansas City to discuss plans and to take advantage of the free Wi-Fi.

On Dec. 8, all occupy groups will be sending a contingency to Washington D.C. Occupy Kansas City actively coordinates with other groups and also plans to be in attendance. They feel as though the time has come to take their movement to the source of the problem.

As the sun begins to set on Occupy Kansas City for another day, brilliant lights cascade across the backdrop of the Liberty Memorial and downtown Kansas City. This postcard-like façade seems almost surreal in light of present activities at the site. As fires are started and people begin to bundle up and huddle around for warmth, a large black SUV pulls slowly down an adjacent road and a man yells loudly out the window at the occupiers to “Get a job.” Calmly and almost under her breath, a young lady quietly retorts, “We already have one.”

## HORACE

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and they can use these notebooks to feel comfortable with the subject,” Beatty said. “When they can bring these notebooks in and share with each other what they learned, this allows them have a common ground.”

In addition to the \$1,000, Beatty’s class will receive \$7 per student that can be used for curriculum-related trips. The class will use their resources when traveling to Squaw Creek Eagle Days Dec. 2. Beatty’s class, along with six practicum students, will bring their notebooks and equipment with them on the trip to enhance their learning experience while there.

“I am so excited to hear the kids use the words they have learned while they are there and make the connections with their notebooks when they get back,” Beatty said. “Never before could they do something like this; they have this great opportunity to take this living, breathing document with them and explore.”

Not only does the grant give Horace Mann students the opportunity to grow and learn, but it serves as a tool for education students wanting to learn fun teaching skills for after graduation.

“The lesson plans are already written, but they need work, and so it is helpful for practicum students if I hand it to them and say, ‘Here’s a start, now see where you can go from here,’” Beatty said. “It makes them feel more comfortable with the material and shows them a different way to teach it.”

Beatty is encouraged to continue the “Discover Nature” program with the help of her students, the faculty and parents. She hopes to instill lessons that the students will continue to carry with them throughout their scholastic career.

“I have received such a positive response from parents, and seeing my students talk about what they have learned is incredible,” Beatty said. “Something that I hope this grant does is not only get the student excited about the material, but gives them these great experiences that they take with them and appreciate it for the rest of their life.”

# Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Nov. 26  
There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 100 block East Lincoln Street.

Nicolas P. Palmer, 16, Union Star, Mo., was charged for displaying the plates of another and failure to maintain financial responsibility at 100 block East Fourth Street.

Nov. 25  
Racheal L. Sybert, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, and failure to maintain right half of roadway, and Brandon W. Fivecoat, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 100 block West Third Street.

Nov. 24  
There is an ongoing investigation of leaving the scene at 1100 block South Main.

Nov. 23  
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 300 block East Summit Drive.

Nov. 21  
There is an ongoing investigation of lost or stolen plate at 600 block North Main.

Nov. 20  
Logan C. Queck, 24, Fontanelle, Iowa, was charged with disorderly conduct at 400 block North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of lost or stolen plate at 300 block North Avenue.

Jared A. Porter, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with permitting a peace disturbance at 900 block North Main Street.

Cole M. Jenkins, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to comply and six charges of interfering with an arrest, resisting arrest, minor in possession, and assault on a public safety officer, and Bradley J. Mims, 19, Lees Summit, Mo., was charged with property damage at 200 block West Second Street.

Nov. 19  
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 900 block North Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 700 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Stephanie N. Parman, 31, Hatfield, Mo., and Alaina M. Balano, 20, Maryville, Mo., at 1200 block South Main.

Nov. 18  
An accident occurred between Shanna M. Brincks, 35, Rosendale, Mo., and Jacob C. Steins, 29, Maryville, Mo., at South Market and East Edwards. Brincks was issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted sign.

Dontar T. Lewis, 31, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at 300 block North Market.

A bicycle was recovered at 600 block East Fourth Street.

Marques W. Gomillian, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at 300 block North Market.

An accident occurred between Chelsea Bell, 23, Maryville, Mo., and Dustin P. Hoepker, 24, Maryville, Mo., at 1300 block South Main Street.

Nov. 17  
An accident occurred between Clarence J. Ebrecht, 67, Maryville, Mo., and Sierra N. Sturm, 16, Maryville, Mo., at East Edwards and South Saunders.

Brent T. Martin, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to yield for a school bus stop sign at South Alco and Forrest Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 200 block East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Megan A. Jacobsen, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor at 1800 block South Main.

Stephanie E. Meredith, 24, Marvville, Mo., was charged with failure to stop at a school bus stop sign at 100 block North Mulberry.

Nov. 16  
James T. Barrows II, 29, Maryville, was charged with wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 1200 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Christopher K. Proffit, 38, Maryville, Mo., and Abigail S. Edwards, 21, Savannah, Mo., at 400 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Douglas R. Shinaberry, 48, Shawnee, Kan., and Oren G. Trimble, 40, Maryville, Mo., at U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and the vehicle owned by Jean C. Earl, Maryville, Mo.,

at 800 block East Fourth Street.

An ongoing investigation of harassment at 400 block North Laura.

Nathan L. Zabaldo, 38, Happy Valley, Oregon, was charged with a city code violation at 1400 block North Mulberry.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1000 block North Main.

Nov. 15  
Michael J. Simmons, 46, Blythedale, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended, failure to register a motor vehicle, and failure to maintain financial responsibility at 1900 block South Main.

Nov. 14  
Harold M. Dye, 49, Sheridan, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended on U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.

Nov. 13  
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 300 block East Summit Drive.

An accident occurred between Marilyn A. Grace, 82, Maryville, Mo., and a Schreck Motors vehicle at 1600 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 1400 block South Munn.

There is an ongoing investigation of stolen vehicle at 200 block East Thompson.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 500 block Highland Avenue.

Rachel E. McKay, 22, Independence, Mo., was charged with assault at 400 block North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 200 block West Lincoln.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 500 block Merrill Avenue.

Cierra C. Williams, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with assault at 400 block North Buchanan.

Nov. 12  
There is an ongoing investigation of assault at 200 block West Second Street.

Nov. 11  
An accident occurred between an

unknown driver and the vehicle of Andrew A. Schreck, Maryville, Mo., at 400 block West 5th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at 100 block West Fourth Street.

Jarod Martin, Jr., 36, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

Nov. 8  
An accident occurred between Todd R. Green, Jr., 21, Maryville, Mo., and Samantha J. Hundley, 22, Maryville, Mo., at East First Street and South Market Street.

Nov. 1  
There is a smoke alarm investigation at 200 block Park Avenue.

Nov. 17  
Zachary R. Thompson, 21, Graham, Mo., was arrested for receiving stolen property under \$500.

James T. Barrows II, 29, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

Richard D. Jones, 45, St. Joseph, MO., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Nov. 16  
A Barnard, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen a gun from his vehicle.

A Graham, Mo., subject reported that some had fraudulently used their credit/debit device.

Nov. 15  
A Parnell, Mo., subject reported that someone had fraudulently used her debit/credit device.

Nov. 14  
Jason L. Cater, 38, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested for assault second degree and was later served a Nodaway County warrant for assault second degree.

A Parnell, Mo., subject reported that someone had shot and killed their dog.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen items from her home.

Christopher Wilkerson, 36, Skidmore, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway county warrant for burglary second degree.

Nov. 12  
Benjamin L. Gilbert, 21, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for investigative hold for drugs.

Luke A. Poppino, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had vandalized their mailbox.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported an accidental structure fire.

Nov. 10  
A Pickering, Mo., subject reported that someone had vandalized a county road sign.

A Barnard, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen items from their farm.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported that someone had vandalized their vehicle.

A Ravenwood, Mo., subject reported that someone had been illegally littering on their property.

Nov. 8  
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had fraudulently used their credit/debit device.

Nov. 7  
A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen his combine trailer head from his property.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported a theft.

Nov. 5  
Mitchell T. Morgan, 46, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for exceeding posted speed limit and operating a motor vehicle on highway while license is suspended.

Nov. 3  
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had taken their four-wheeler.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported a stolen and vandalized trailer that showed up on his property.

Nov. 1  
Carolynn R. Amodt, 25, Maryville, Mo was arrested for driving while license is revoked.

Oct. 29  
Cody D. Hoepker, 27, Hopkins, Mo., was arrested for driving while license is suspended and for a warrant out of Andrew County.

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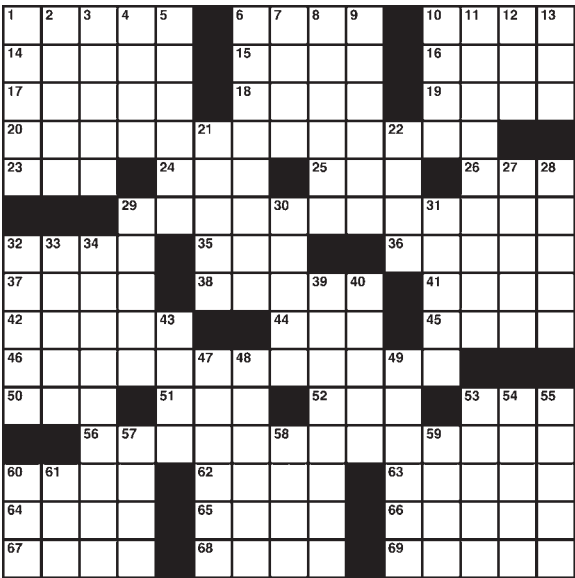
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- 6 "Arabian Nights" birds
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- 14 Alpaca kin
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- 16 Washerful
- 17 Word on a French postcard
- 18 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
- 19 Forever, so to speak
- 20 Shareholder's bonus
- 23 Dir. from Memphis to Nash-ville
- 24 Something to grind
- 25 Throw easily
- 26 Phone bk. info
- 29 Kitchen island material
- 32 Spinning sound
- 35 "It's a Wonderful Life" studio
- 36 Brief fisticuffs
- 37 It has lots of slots
- 38 Invite to one's penthouse
- 41 Some necklines
- 42 Macaroni shape
- 44 "I could win on my next turn!"
- 45 Bk. before Job
- 46 Wrap for leftovers
- 50 \_\_-Tiki
- 51 Wimple wearer
- 52 Window units, briefly
- 53 Mud bath venue
- 56 Laundry convenience
- 60 Empty room sound
- 62 Roll of fabric
- 63 Garlicky sauce
- 64 In \_\_ of: replacing
- 65 Everyone, to Ernst
- 66 Stops bleeding
- 67 Sail support
- 68 Meg of "Courage Under Fire"
- 69 Have an inkling

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- 1 Little shaver
- 2 Troublemaking chipmunk
- 3 Too trusting
- 4 Madame's "mine"
- 5 Two-seated carriage

- 6 Jeff Foxworthy jokes about them
- 7 Pigged out (on)
- 8 Word with sewing or traffic
- 9 Lisbon mister
- 10 Actor Baldwin
- 11 Created a study aid in class
- 12 Was on the ballot
- 13 Program breaks
- 21 One in a crowd scene
- 22 Goes back to sea?
- 27 Large wedding band
- 28 Smidge
- 29 Witch craft?
- 30 Balder-dash
- 31 Flat
- 32 Inflict, as havoc
- 33
- Nametag greeting
- 34 How grapes grow
- 39 Remove the chain from, say
- 40 Doggie
- 43 Skid row regular
- 47 Crunchy snack
- 48 Not at all sacred
- 49 "Compromising Positions" author Susan



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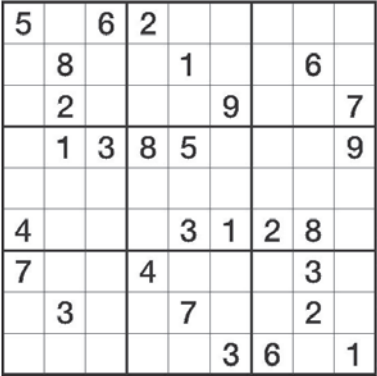
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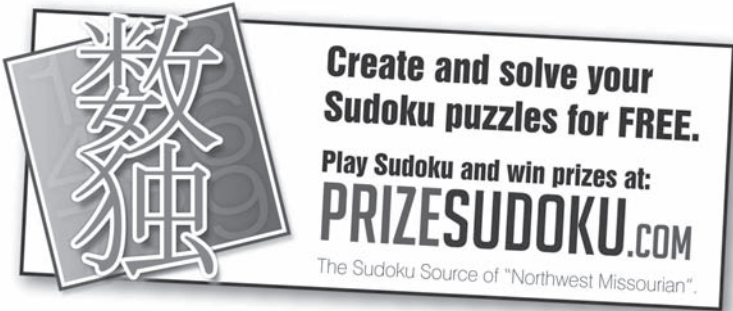
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (12/01/11). Believe you can, and you will. Changes at home work out better than you imagined, and domestic projects pay off. Accept coaching from a respected mentor, and your productivity soars. Your brilliance is revealed.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- It's fine to find solace in solitude, but don't get lost in the archives. New information opens up new possibilities. Put more into the household account.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- A dose of your friends is prescribed.

Side effects include fun, distractions, playful conversation and optimism. You're surrounded by love.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Go ahead and daydream. Put your ideas to work for the betterment of your community and the world. Let your imagination take wing. Say "yes."

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Get ready for two days of adventure. Use what you learned recently for new income possibilities. There's nothing wrong with a little ambition.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The month begins with intensity where business is concerned. Use your charm and determination. Do what you already know works. Stay thrifty, but get what you need.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Let your feelings of affection for another flourish. A partner relies on your smarts. It's simple: Keep doing what works and stop doing what doesn't.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The impossible looks easy. Projects are coming at you fast, and you can handle

them. It may require perfecting new skills. Explore new directions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Cast your own romantic spell. Your powers are particularly keen, and your mood is infectious. Friends offer encouragement. Go for it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Your spiritual practices clear your mind. Get into nesting at home. Discover something new and surprising about your family roots. Step into new leadership.

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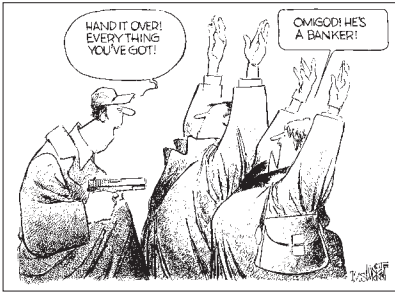
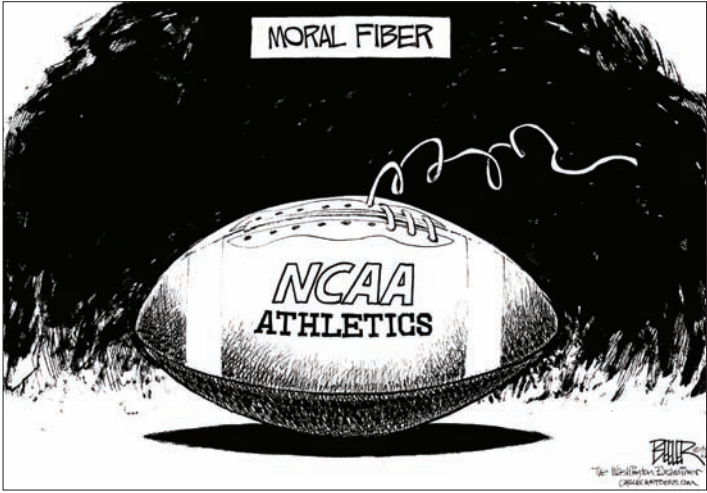
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a 6 -- To get to the next level, study with a master. You're ready to learn the lesson. Practice as often as it takes until you get it. Then celebrate!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Let your schedule tell you what to do (and you're the master of your schedule). Precision and profit are correlated. Follow an educated hunch. Friends surprise.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- The Moon is in your sign, and you are the star. Do the work, with loving support, and succeed. The practical plan works best. You're building something.

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# NOTHING TO SEE HERE



## UNDERGROUND TUNNELS REAL, FORBIDDEN, BORING?

**PHILLIP GRUENWALD**  
Opinion Editor

Northwest's University Police and Environmental Services want you to know that there is nothing interesting in the tunnels. They want to remind you of the severe consequences waiting, like a shotgun behind the door, for any of you who shrug off the warning and trespass your way into the tunnels. And according to them, the yawn-inducing tunnels are so drab, they don't even want to label them as tunnels.

But that's just what they want you to know.

The actual contents, whereabouts and reach of the tunnels have remained enigmatic to Northwest students for years. They will continue to be a mystery, as long as they are restricted (punishable by arrest and campus judicial violation) to students. It's possible that they really are as unsuspecting as we're supposed to believe they are, but until we see it with our own eyes, they will remain the subject of thrill-seekers' dreams, urban exploration documentaries, the most wicked of horror movie plots and the oft-considered adventure after a few too many on a Friday or Saturday night.

Here's what we do know: They're big. No rumor, no matter how hyperbolic, can overstate their extent. The tunnel system meanders for two miles beneath campus, connecting 30 buildings along the way. To put that into perspective, the linear distance from Country Club Road to Main

Street is roughly one mile. Chances are, if you are anywhere on campus, there is a subterranean tunnel lurking just inches below your soles. And those "heated sidewalks" that your smiley SOAR leader hooked you on are actually a side effect of the hot water being piped underground.

They command your imagination. At the gated entrance beneath the B.D. Owens Library, the unlit, concrete corridor immediately disappears after a quick right turn, the onyx orifice swallowing up lengths of pipe and cables. Loud, intermittent groans seem to emanate from the gray membranes themselves, as if you are inside the digestive tract of a bellowing, mythical beast.

Don't believe what you hear at parties; few people have actually experienced the tunnels. Ray Ottman, University Police lieutenant, describes the regular use by authorized personnel as "zero." When asked about miscreants illegally exploring the tunnels recently, Ottman refers to the perpetrator in the singular form, as in, one perp. Not a faction of culprits, or a gang of juvenile delinquents, but one uncaught felon, whom University Police believes is a student.

Ottman himself is not a frequent visitor of the tunnels, bemoaning their confined nature as unfriendly to a man of his heft. He has been in the tunnels, but has not "walked the distance."

"It would be like saying, 'Oh, I want to go walk in the sewer.' Who wants to walk in the sewer?" Ottman said. "No one wants to walk in the

sewer."

One hundred percent of the tunnels' contents can also be found in your very own home: phone lines, cable lines, power lines, heating and cooling pipes, water lines, gas lines, other utilities, mildew and musty air.

Yes, there's nothing glamorous about a dark, cramped tunnel system lined with utility pipes that you're not supposed to be in, except for the fact that it's a dark, cramped tunnel system lined with utility pipes that you're not supposed to be in.

"The general public would have no curiosity in a concrete walkway where there's dripping pipes and gas and all that, water lines, and 'Ooh wow, a cable,'" Ottman said.

Let's make this clear: You should not trespass in or around the tunnels, or attempt to enter them. But if you choose to do so anyway, University Police is very clear on their policy on tunnel trespassers.

"For safety reasons, nobody is allowed in the tunnels, and any person caught in the tunnels will be arrested and the case will be referred to the Nodaway County Prosecutor's Office," Ottman said. "If the person caught is a current enrolled student at Northwest, they will also be referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs, Matt Baker, for campus judicial violation."

They key phrase is "safety reasons," which serve as the reason behind the tunnels' restricted status. If a student were to break into the tunnels and become locked inside, it could be days before they are discovered.

Leaving the manhole-style entrance propped open would seem like a viable way out, but that could create a deadly scenario for sidewalk walkers.

"If they leave that open, someone would fall nine feet down to concrete, and they would die," Ottman said.

Ottman acknowledged that tunnel access points are currently being inspected for security purposes. Everyone knows where the entrances are, but they may soon become much more difficult to get into. Because if the wrong person got into the tunnels, they could have a threat-level-red terrorism hey-day.

"When you look at all the utility services that are down there, someone down there who wanted to be a big pest could cause one hell of a problem that we don't need," Ottman said.

Northwest's underground utility tunnels have never been open for student use. They never, ever, ever will. Their security policy for the tunnels is so rigid, Ottman admitted that he would lose his job if he admitted any student, particularly a nosy journalist, inside the dark, twisty abyss. So let your imagination run wild, because it's as close as you're going to get to them.

Or you could just push the thought of the tunnels out of your mind, because they're not worth the attention. Supposedly.

"I think, by calling it a tunnel, you're envisioning a tunnel versus a walkway that's just underground," Ottman said. "It's a concrete walkway that has pipes going through it. And that's what it is. That's all it is."





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# THE STROLLER Your man’s desperate search for ‘good’ honey

As much fun as it sounds to avoid speed traps, meet burly truckers named Big Lou, watch two teams full of steroid junkies duke it out on a field and pretend to like turkey for an entire weekend, I decided to stay home this Thanksgiving break.

Big mistake. Maryville is not a place you want to be for Thanksgiving. It's kind of like being at Molly's for New Year's - everyone there knows they've hit rock bottom.

Since it was Thanksgiving, my Buddha belly needed some lovin'. And Maryville's finest was all I could fill it with. After making my rounds, I've found out something royally disturbing about Maryville: They have no idea what honey is.

Let's start with Taco John's. They just started selling hot wings, which would be like if the good people at Toys 'R' Us got together and said, "Hey! Let's sell guns." Taco John's, why wings? Needless to say, they're pretty gross. The Chipotle BBQ wings are like the punch line to a joke nobody wants to hear, and the Bold Buffalo are so bad they even have low self-esteem. But the Honey Habanero are the most fascinating. They actually taste like spicy honey, a monstrosity so unholy that I heard priests aren't allowed to order it. Taco John's, have you ever had honey before? Do you know what it's supposed to

taste like? Sweet, sticky, sugary, sweet, syrupy and sweet. Quiz time, Taco John's: Did I say spicy? No? Why do you think I left that one out? Figure it out, Taco John's.

Disgusted, disgruntled and almost defecating, I stumbled down the street to Kentucky Fried Chicken. Surely the South wouldn't mess up honey. But oh lawdy, they did.

KFC's honey is so disappointing, they try to convince you it's not even honey. Have you ever seen the packets? They say, "KFC Colonel's Honey Sauce." Now I'm a bit of a skeptic, and I can only imagine what else constitutes that packet on the "sauce" side of things. KFC, could you tell us what's in your "Honey sauce"? In the meantime, I'll just use my imagination. So far, all I can come up with is the broken dreams of Maryville High School graduates, Snooki sweat or eraser shavings from Greek seniors erasing all Greek stuff from their resumes because they realize that no one wants to hire a Greek.

Okay, that last one was a little nasty. You'll have to excuse me, I'm a little low on sugar. Apparently honey is a rare commodity around these here parts.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

## WHAT'S HOT

NBA's new deal

The team owners and players finally came to a decision. It only took them how many months? The new season starts on Christmas and will consist of 66 games instead of the customary 82.

Conrad Murray trial finished

It looks like all the drama of Michael Jackson's death has finally been put to rest with the sentencing of Conrad Murray. Murray was sentenced to four years in prison for manslaughter after causing the King of Pop's death through the use of unneeded prescription drugs.

## WHAT'S NOT

Miley Cyrus supports Occupy movement

The Disney Channel star has joined the ranks of celebrities supporting the Occupy Wall Street movement. She recently released a remixed video of her song "Liberty Walk" featuring images of protestors. If only a more credible celebrity had made a video, then it might have some effect.

Patrice O'Neil dies at 41

Comic Patrice O'Neil dies due to complications he suffered from a stroke on Oct. 19. What makes it even worse is that O'Neil was the blunt of many jokes about him dying from diabetes at the Roast of Charlie Sheen in September. Can this affect the conscience of comics even that brutal?

# 'Breaking Dawn' pleases fans, disappoints others

BEN LAWSON  
Features Editor

The penultimate chapter of the "The Twilight Saga" surpasses the standards set by its predecessors, but the bar wasn't exactly set very high to start with.

High school's over for Bella (Kirsten Stewart) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) and the "star-crossed" lovers couldn't be more excited about starting their lives together. Stewart and Pattinson are finally starting to seem comfortable in their roles. The awkward dialogue the pair used to exchange on screen is near nonexistent in "Breaking Dawn: Part 1." Good job guys, it only took you four movies to get it "almost" right.

The movie starts with preparations for the happy couple's marriage. This is where Pattinson and Stewart first demonstrate their improved chemistry on screen. The pair act as if they are actually in love for the first time in the franchise's lifespan.

For longtime fans of the series, the couple's wedding is probably exactly as cheesy as you hoped it would be. For people who have little prior knowledge of the series, the wedding scene will probably make you want to vomit. The entire scene seems incredibly over dramatized. The pair might set the record for the most uncomfortable long kiss at the altar.

It's no secret Bella winds up pregnant by the film's end. Bella's entire pregnancy is an incredibly dark turn

for the series. Carrying a vampire's baby nearly kills Bella before the birth, and the scene when the baby was born is like something from a Wes Craven movie. Stephanie Meyer, the book's author, does not spare the reader from every gruesome detail and neither does director Bill Condon ("Dreamgirls").

"Breaking Dawn: Part 1" is the first half of the final book of "The Twilight Saga." The film's creators supposedly decided to split the book into two movies because there was just too much content to cover in one movie. The film doesn't really seem like that, though. It slowly stretches on, as if it's trying to extend every scene as long as possible in order for the film to be longer. The split doesn't feel necessary. It's as if the creators and producers are trying to get as much money out of fans as they possibly can before the series finally

ends.

"Breaking Dawn: Part 1" features some of the best acting in the series thus far; it's probably even the best film. But what is the accomplishment of being the best film of a poorly crafted franchise? Diehard fans will love this movie whether it was the best or worst of the saga, as it features some of the most important events of the entire series. But if you want to see a good movie and are not a Twilight fan, stay as far away as you can.



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him.”

The defense has withstood running quarterbacks the last two weeks to get another shot at Dickey and the Gorillas.

Northwest shut Missouri Western’s Travis Partridge almost completely down in the first round and despite allowing 286 rushing yards to Midwestern State last week, clamped down on Brandon Kelsey and the Mustangs running game in the second half of the 38-31 overtime win last week.

“Coach (Rich) Wright has us doing things different with our pass rush,” Longacre said. “Early in the season, we were playing into our role. (Against) Eastern New Mexico, he told us what we needed to change, and we’ve started changing it... We’re just containing the quarterback.

“At halftime, if they’re having some success running the ball, coach Wright is a mad man. He’s a genius. We tell him what they’re doing, what they’re running, how they’re blocking and he has a solution for everything. That’s really been the big key, especially in Wichita.”

The offense will once again lean heavily on sophomore running back James Franklin, who ran for 146 yards and two scores last week on a season-high 26 carries after a hand injury limited junior running back Jordan Simmons in the second half. It is a role that Franklin welcomes with open arms.

“The running back coach looked at me and said, ‘Hey, we’re going to have to lean on you,’” Franklin said. “Those are the types of situations I really like to be in. When the team depends on me, when the team needs me, I kind of like being in that role because it makes me step up as a player, makes me feel like I need to be more dominant than ever.”

Franklin ran for 116 yards in the first meeting with Pitt State, but was held out of the end zone.

Another factor the Bearcats will have to overcome is the environment of Carnie Smith Stadium, whose moniker, The Jungle, accurately describes the raucous Pitt State crowd.

“Hostile atmosphere. That’s what the coaches were telling us; you’re going to be surprised what you hear,” Longacre said. “It’s just going to be a brawl down there and I love playing with that. I love the fans getting into it. I love the players getting into it. I feel like it makes us play better. We stay composed and go out there and shut the crowd up.”

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Pittsburg, Kan., and the team is looking forward to going into The Jungle and coming away with a victory that would propel them to the national semifinals.



Redshirt freshman defensive end Matt Longacre celebrates after returning a fumble recovery for a touchdown in the ‘Cats’ 35-29 victory over Missouri Western in the first round of the playoffs. Longacre recovered the game-winning fumble after senior linebacker Chad Kilgore forced Western quarterback Travis Partridge to fumble.

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42-33 win.

Walter finished the game with a team-high four assist and four steals to go along with his 12 points.

Baker helped pick up the scoring load as he knocked in nine points to go along with his six rebounds and three assists.

Senior forward Damon Goodall led the way on the boards for the ‘Hounds, as he pulled down a team-high nine boards to go along with three points.

“He was a huge for us. He pulled down a ton of rebounds,” head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. “He was really a big part of our win. His rebounding was awesome. We needed him a lot.

Maryville was smaller at every position, but was able to use an aggressive defense and slow-paced offense to counteract the height of Savannah.

“I thought we matched up real well tonight because we did a pretty good job of keeping them off the boards and did a good job of defending them,” Kuwitzky said.

“That’s what we are going to have to do. I think we are going to focus on getting good shots and shot selection. I don’t think we can go down and shoot wildly and try to outscore people.”

The Spoofhounds are back in action at 7 p.m. tonight against Excelsior Springs at Savannah.

CLARK

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you as a basketball player, a football player or whatever sport it is, as opposed to recruiting you as a person.

“What it comes down to, you’re going to a school to better your life, get an education and go on from there. It’s not about recruiting a person just so they can play on your squad. A lot of the coaches I talked to I could sense that, and that’s why I couldn’t go that route, but with coach Tim Jankovich, he was the realest coach I had talked to.”

Clark felt Illinois State was the right fit for him and does not regret his decision, but he was unable meet the expectations people had for him.

“Knowing I had those expectations, I put more pressure on myself that what I should have, and I allowed myself to say ‘Damn, maybe I should be scoring this amount of points, but I’m not doing it,’” he said. “If I went out and scored five points, but played awesome on defense I would be upset about just scoring five points because I allowed myself to get to that point. That took time because I’m used to puttin’ up numbers and that’s just my instinct and I love doing that.

“DI basketball has always been something that was pushed upon me, but it’s never been about that... it’s been about me just wanting to continue to have fun with it and I

had lost fun when I went to Illinois; I had lost the fun in the game.”

Clark realized Illinois State was not the best fit for him, but going there taught him a lot and helped him mature as a player and person.

“Once I got out to Illinois State, it was a setback for me, but it was a good setback. It was a time for me to realize I’m not the top one all the time,” he said. “I never showed an arrogance about being a little bit gifted in certain aspects, but it was a situation where I came against some fellas who had the same mind set.”

After two years as a Redbird and averaging 3.5 points last season, Clark decided DI basketball and Illinois State was not where he needed to be. He took time off from the game for a summer to think, assess and talk to coach Vickers about what his next step would be.

Vickers’ and Clark’s assessments led him to Northwest and head men’s basketball coach Ben McCollum. Like many other coaches he followed Clark’s progress through high school and likes what he can bring to the team.

“Coming out of high school, he was a top prospect and had all of those expectations, and he started to value himself as just a scorer and a basketball player,” McCollum said. “He brings more to the table than just a quality basketball player. His intensity, his energy, his attitude, that’s what makes him good.”

Clark has found a way to ad-

just to the college level of play. He has become more defense oriented after his scoring success faltered at Illinois State, and that is what McCollum values in his game.

“On the floor, his best attribute is his ability to defend,” McCollum said. “Before a game I look at their best scorer and just say, ‘Sweet, he’s not gonna score this game’ because he’s going to stick him and guard him.”

Clark has found fun in the game again and his confidence is what he brings to the floor every single night.

“I feel like I can guard anybody; I don’t care who steps on the court,” Clark said. “It’s back, anybody who sees me on the court will see my personality come out and you will see the amount of fun me and the team are having.

“The level of fun I’m having out here, it hasn’t been reached before in my life. I’ve been overly happy and all the guys just really took me in.”

The Bearcats are 5-0 and having fun, and McCollum said it is easily noticeable watching the team play. Clark’s high school coach, Vickers, has helped him get here. He said he knows Clark will be able to have the success here that he was not able to accomplish at Illinois State.

“I’ve just watched Justin live life,” Vickers said. “I’m proud of where he’s going. Northwest is a special place and I know Justin will have great success there.”

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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	6-0	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	6-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	5-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	5-1	0-0
Central Mo.....	4-1	0-0
Emporia St.....	4-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-2	0-0
Pitt. State.....	4-2	0-0
Washburn.....	4-2	0-0
Truman.....	2-5	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	0-4	0-0

**December 3:**  
Washburn at NORTHWEST  
Pitt. State at Truman  
Emporia St at Mo. Western  
Mo. Southern at Central Mo.  
Lincoln (Mo.) at S.W. Baptist

**December 5:**  
Ark.-Fort Smith at Mo. Southern

MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-1	0-0

**December 6:**  
MARYVILLE at Clarinda (Iowa)  
Benton at Platte County  
Cameron at Excelsior Springs  
Jefferson at LeBlond  
Grain Valley at Smithville

**December 8:**  
Benton at MARYVILLE

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	6-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	6-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	5-0	0-0
Truman.....	5-0	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	4-0	0-0
Washburn.....	7-2	0-0
Emporia St.....	3-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	4-2	0-0
Mo. Western.....	2-2	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-4	0-0

**December 3:**  
Pitt. State at Truman  
Emporia St. at Mo. Western  
Mo. Southern at Central Mo.  
Lincoln (Mo.) at S.W. Baptist  
Washburn at NORTHWEST

**December 6:**  
Emporia St. at Northeastern St.

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	1-0	0-0
Savannah.....	1-0	0-0
Cameron.....	1-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	1-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	1-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-1	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-1	0-0

**December 5:**  
Chillicothe at Moberly  
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**December 6:**  
Lafayette at MARYVILLE  
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Senior guard Tyler Walter has eyes on the hoop during the first round of the Savannah Invitational Tournament Tuesday night against the Savages. Walter scored a team-high 12 points in the 'Hounds' 42-33 win.

SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

# Defense, depth spur opening round win

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Chief Sports Reporter

The Spoofhounds opened their season with a victory over rival Savannah Tuesday night in the first round of the Savannah Invitational Tournament.

Savannah was able to get on the scoreboard first, but the 'Hounds would get out to an 8-2 lead, forcing the Savages to use an early timeout.

Savannah would not go down easy, as they were able to use their size inside to narrow the score to 11-10, midway through the second quarter.

The Spoofhounds hit a three-pointer and short jumper to close out the half to extend the first half lead to 16-11.

The second half belonged to senior guard Tyler Walter, where he scored nine of his team-high 12 points.

The third quarter opened much

like the first, as both teams traded baskets early, but the Savages were able to pull the game within two points with three minutes to go.

Led by Walter, the Spoofhounds went on a 9-4 run to end the third period to open up a seven point lead.

"I think I rushed a couple of things the first half," Walter said. "I definitely knew I needed to calm down and play my game."

"I want to do that the whole game. I can't just be satisfied with that."

Maryville was able to use the momentum from the previous quarter to help extend the lead, as they jumped out to a 13-point lead after four consecutive points from junior guard Jonathan Baker to deliver the final dagger.

The Spoofhounds closed out the victory at the free-throw line, for a

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# Rebuilding team drops 2nd straight

CRAIG SIMS  
Missourian Reporter

Turnovers and a tough Fighting Irish defense forced the Maryville girls' basketball team into an early 0-2 record in the Savannah Invitational.

Lafayette began the game running a full-court press, forcing early Maryville turnovers that resulted in a 9-0 lead to start the game.

The Spoofhounds forced their way back into the game by driving the ball and earning points at the free throw line. Maryville was able to slow Lafayette down in transition, and after the first quarter, Lafayette held a slim 14-10 lead.

Lafayette answered with a 14-2 run in the second quarter, taking a 34-21 lead at halftime.

"We gave up too many easy baskets," head coach Grant Hageman said. "We have to contain the drive better next time we play them."

Another strong run by the Fighting Irish at the beginning of the third quarter would be enough to gain a comfortable lead against the 'Hounds.

Lafayette went on to win the game 56-39.

"The girls understand that this year will be a working process," Hageman said. "We only have three girls with varsity experience."

Maryville senior post Brooke Byland finished with 15 points and seven rebounds. After two games, Byland has been the only 'Hound scoring in double figures.

Sophomore guard Chelsea Byland was the team's second leading scorer with seven points and three rebounds. Junior forward Baylee Scarbrough grabbed six boards.

In Maryville's season opener against Chillicothe, the 'Hounds struggled to gain an edge over a Chillicothe team that held the lead throughout the entire game and cruised to a 49-37 victory.

The Spoofhounds struggled with shots beyond the arc, going 1-of-16 on three-pointers.

The free throw line plagued the Spoofhounds as they only got to the line nine times compared to Chillicothe's 19 times, getting outscored by ten at the charity stripe.

Senior Brooke Byland was the leading scorer for the Spoofhounds

"The girls understand that this year will be a working process."

Grant Hageman

with 16 points.

"The team played hard and didn't give up. Seniors have to step up and play their role better and I know they will, it's just a matter of timing right now," Hageman said.

The Maryville girls' basketball team plays Bishop LeBlond tomorrow night for a chance to get their first win of the year in the tournament. The two teams face off for fifth place in pool play.

Following the tournament, the 'Hounds open up at home against Lafayette. The game tips off at 5 p.m. Dec. 6.

"It's a long season, and we want to be playing in March, so there is still a lot of time left to get our timing down and the right personnel together," Hageman said.



Senior guard Sammy Keller drives toward the basket during the second round of the Savannah Invitational Tournament Tuesday night against Lafayette.

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# ATHLETES of the WEEK BEARCATS



Kyle Kilgore

James Franklin

Tyler Walter

Brooke Byland



Senior tight end Kyle Kilgore scored three touchdowns, including the game-winner in overtime, to propel Northwest to a 38-31 overtime victory over Midwestern State.

Sophomore running back James Franklin ran for 146 yards and two scores on 26 carries, helping the 'Cats to a second round 38-31 overtime win against Midwestern State.

Senior guard Tyler Walter scored a team-high 12 points to lead the 'Hounds to a 42-33 win over Savannah in the opening round of the Savannah Invitational.

Senior forward Brooke Byland has scored in double figures in the first two games. She scored 16 points in a loss to Chillicothe and 15 points in a losing effort against Lafayette.

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"I've been known to be a scorer, and going out there and not being able to contribute how I wanted to – it shook me because I'm not used to not scoring like I want to, but it didn't bring me down; it was more like I need to learn to better myself."

Justin Clark

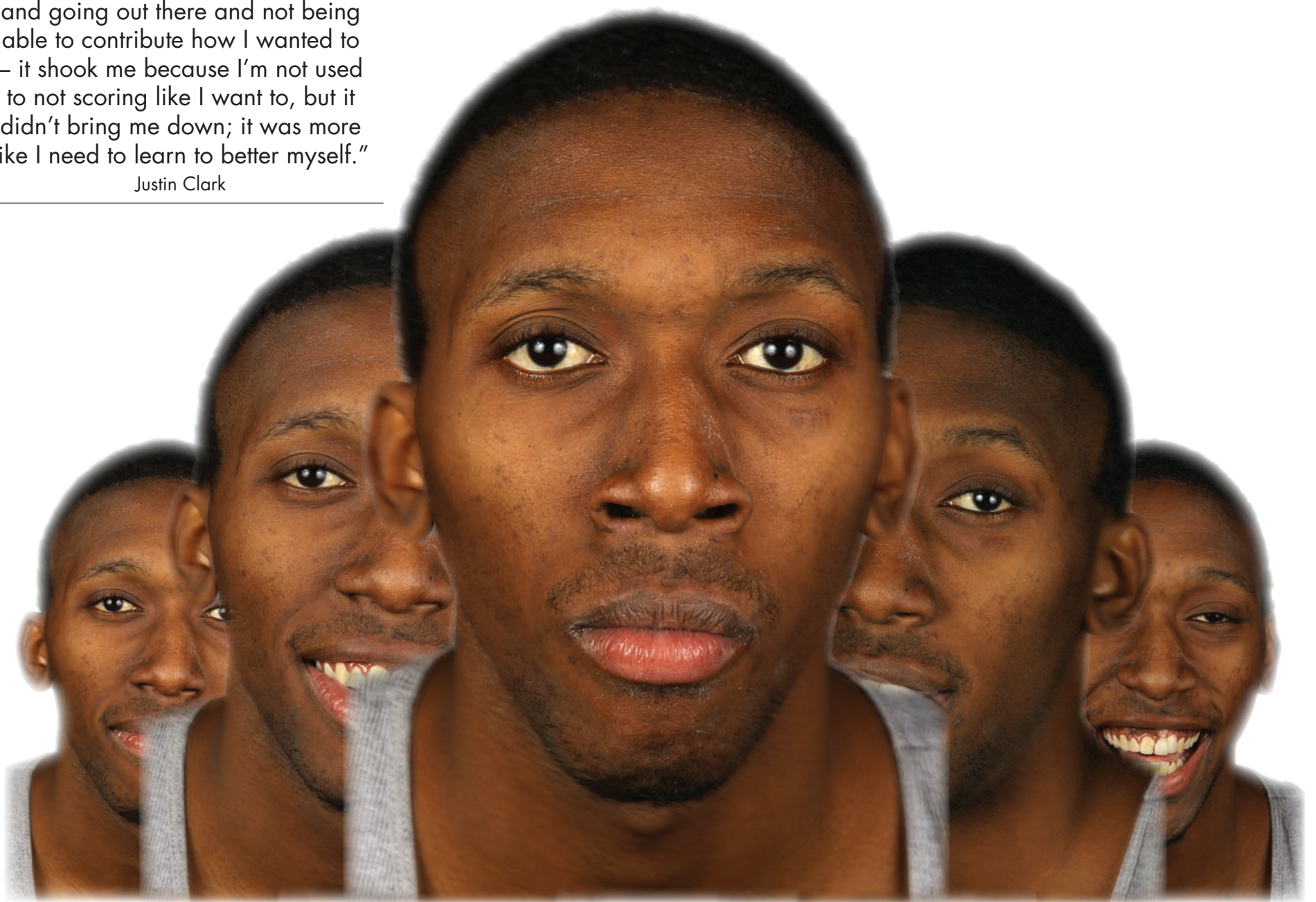


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## Transfer brings non-comparable experience, swagger, drive

**TREY WILLIAMS**  
Editor-In-Chief

Being an athlete in any competitive sport takes a certain amount of skill, but beyond that, it takes an air of confidence, a swagger, a killer instinct to compete, dominate and win. It is rare to find an athlete with these traits and a sense of humility.

For Justin Clark, a 6'4" junior transfer guard from Illinois State University, possessing these traits is what makes him a competitive athlete. But it was not always so. The road that led Clark to Northwest had its fair share of forks, and it began at William Chrisman High School in Independence.

"At the younger ages I didn't really think of (being able to

dominate) as much," Clark said. "I mean, it was fun being out there and playing, but come freshman year, I just had a killer instinct. I was out to be better than everybody."

"I didn't want to allow anybody to out work me, for anybody to outscore me, whatever it may be that particular night – whatever I was assigned to do, I was ready to go do it. It's kind of stuck with me since the freshman year of high school. I still roll with the same instinct."

That instinct emerged in high school where Clark played his first competitive ball for head basketball coach John Vickers.

"I think that instinct came from the way we run our program," Vickers said. "We always try to

preach to our guys to attack with a killer instinct, and it becomes a psychological game."

Over their four years together as player and coach, their bond transcended that general relationship.

"The first time I saw Justin was at one of our feeder program practices," Vickers said. "I walked out thinking, 'I can't wait 'til he gets up here because he could help us right now', and that is when he was in 8th grade."

"Just through our relationship with basketball, it was a natural fit. We just began to form that natural bond."

Going into high school, Clark was in a situation where he needed someone to help him through the obstacles he faced, and Vickers

was there to fill that role.

"Hands down he is a big factor in where I am, where my success is today," Clark said. "He was basically a father figure for me because my dad wasn't in the spot where he could be with us, or however you want to word it, and it took a toll on us, but coach Vickers, he took me under his wing... whatever it was I needed on or off the court, he was there to support me."

Basketball became only the platform for a relationship that grew beyond the hardwood.

"Justin was raised basically by his grandmother, and though she did an outstanding job, he had no consistent male figure in his life," Vickers said. "I wanted to be there if he needed me for advice,

but I never wanted to force myself upon him. I saw him beyond just a basketball player and what he could do on the court."

Clark finished his dominant high school career with 2,148 points (20.85 per game), third in the state of Missouri in three pointers made per game (3.33) and second in the state for three's made (343). He graduated high school a top recruit and headed to the brighter lights of Redbird Arena at Illinois State. Division I came with its fair share of hurdles, however.

"(Going to Illinois State) felt right. I like to read people, and I like to see who's genuine," Clark said "A lot of coaches will recruit

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JASON LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore running back James Franklin gets around the edge for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Northwest's 38-31 overtime win over Midwestern State. Franklin rushed for 146 yards and two scores.

## Bearcats anxious to avenge loss to Gorillas

**JASON LAWRENCE**  
Sports Editor

The buzzword for Northwest football this week is composure.

"We're going to have to keep composure because with that type of atmosphere, they're going to be jacked up just because they're at home," sophomore running back James Franklin, one of only a handful of Bearcats to play at Pitt State, said. "They're going to expect a big win. Their fans are going to expect a big win. Everything's going to be crazy, so we're just going to have to keep a level head."

The Bearcats are getting a shot to repay Pittsburg State for the loss the Gorillas handed them Oct. 1 in The Fall Classic.

"I'm so happy. When the final happened (in The Fall Classic), we walked by and I said, 'See you guys in the playoffs.' We wanted Mo. West, and we want Pitt State," redshirt freshman defensive end Matt Longacre said. "Those were our goals after we lost to them, just to be able to get back and beat them."

Pitt state scored 29 unanswered

points to open the second half in the first meeting, before a Chase McCoy field goal gave the Gorillas a three-point win.

Dorrel plans to do things a little differently this time around to avoid the same second half complacency.

"Offensively, we have to stay aggressive for four quarters, and then just stay balanced," Dorrel said. "It got to a point in that game where I got a little conservative on offense. Not going to happen Saturday. It's do or die now. We're the underdog. We're going to go down there and throw everything we have at them."

The first order of business for the 'Cats is to defend Zac Dickey, who hurt them both on the ground and through the air in their week five matchup.

"When you're playing an option quarterback, you've got to hit him, and let him know he's in a game early," Dorrel said. "You're not going to see an effect early in the game, but hopefully by the third or fourth quarter it's slowing him down a little bit. You're not going to stop him, but just limit him."

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